

THE BABY SORCERESS.

Century Magazine.

MY baby sits beneath the tall elm trees,
 A wreath of tangled ribbon in her hands;
 She twines and twists the many-colored strands—
 A little sorceress, weaving destinies.
 Now the pure white she grasps; now naught can please
 But strips of crimson lurid as the brands
 From passion's fires; or yellow like the sands
 That lend soft setting to the azure seas.
 And so with sweet, incessant toil she fills
 A summer hour, still following fancies new,
 Till through my heart a sudden terror thrills
 Lest, as she weaves, her aimless choice prove true.
 Thank God! our fates proceed not from our wills:
 The Power that spins the thread shall blend the hue.

THOMAS WENTWORTH HIGGINSON.

French and English Measures.

1 mètre, French measure = 3·28 English feet.
 1 cubic mètre, Fr. do = 1·308 cubic yds Eng. measure.
 1 kilomètre, Fr. do = 0·62138 stat. miles do
 1 statute mile, English = 0·86755 geographical miles E.
 1 geographical mile, Eng = 1·152064 statute miles, Eng.

GREAT EMPIRES OF THE PRESENT DAY.

Names.	Area in Square Miles.	Population at last Census.
British Empire	8,950,000	310,000,000
Russian do	8,500,000	104,000,000
Chinese do	4,500,000	420,000,000
United States	3,600,000	51,000,000
Brazilian Empire	3,200,000	13,000,000
French Republic and Col.	1,000,000	62,000,000
German Empire	400,000	47,000,000
Spain (including Colonies).	300,000	25,000,000
Italy	115,000	30,000,000

THE VALUE OF THE WHALE.

A whale of 50 to 60 feet in length yields about a ton of bone and from 20 to 40 tons of oil, according to the thickness of the blubber, which varies from 6 to 18 inches. A fish of this description would be worth about \$18,000, at present prices of oil and bone.



SIXTH MONTH

JUNE 1889.

THIRTY DAYS



DAY OF YEAR.	DAY OF MONTH.	DAY OF WEEK.	MOON'S PHASES.	CALENDAR FOR TORONTO. EASTERN STANDARD TIME. 24 HOUR SYSTEM.			
				Sun Rises.	Sun Sets.	Moon Rises.	Moon Sets.
			D. H. M.				
			☉ First Quarter..... 6 15 1.6				
			☾ Full Moon 13 8 58.2				
			☾ Last Quarter..... 20 2 35.1				
			● New Moon..... 28 3 53.6				
152	1	Sat	<i>St. Nicomede.</i> Ignace Pleyel born.. .. 1759	H. M. 4 38	H. M. 19 53	H. M. 6 51	H. M. 22 31
153	2	SUN	1ST SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION.	4 38	19 54	7 42	23 14
154	3	Mon	" <i>Calm weather in June sets the corn in tune.</i> "	4 38	19 55	8 39	23 52
155	4	Tues	Von Weber died at London..... 1826	4 37	19 55	9 38	
156	5	Wed	<i>St. Boniface.</i>	4 37	19 56	10 48	0 25
157	6	Thur	Henry Vieuxtemps died in Algiers.. .. 1881	4 37	19 56	11 46	0 55
158	7	Fri	First Reform Bill passed 1832	4 36	19 57	12 53	1 23
159	8	Sat	Easter Term ends, First Parlmt. at Ottawa 1866	4 36	19 57	14 02	1 49
160	9	SUN	WHITSUNDAY.	4 36	19 58	15 14	2 17
161	10	Mon	Attempted assassination of Queen Victoria.. 1840	4 36	19 59	16 28	2 46
162	11	Tues	<i>St. Barnabas.</i> Lord Stanley Gov.-General. 1888	4 36	19 59	17 46	3 18
163	12	Wed	Dr. Arnold of Rugby died 1842	4 35	20 00	19 04	3 56
164	13	Thur	<i>St. Anthony of Padua.</i>	4 35	20 00	20 17	4 41
165	14	Fri	Battle of Naseby..... 1645	4 35	20 01	21 28	5 26
166	15	Sat	Emperor Frederick of Germany died. 1888	4 35	20 01	22 24	6 41
167	16	SUN	TRINITY SUNDAY.	4 35	20 02	23 11	7 51
168	17	Mon	<i>St. Albert.</i> Charles Gounod born at Paris.. 1818	4 35	20 02	23 48	9 06
169	18	Tues	Battle of Waterloo..... 1815	4 35	20 02		10 16
170	19	Wed	Battle of Blenheim..... 1800	4 35	20 02	0 19	11 27
171	20	Thur	<i>Corpus Christi.</i> Accession of Queen Victoria 1837	4 36	20 03	0 46	12 33
172	21	Fri	Longest day.	4 36	20 03	1 11	13 38
173	22	Sat	Thomas Day born..... 1748	4 36	20 03	1 35	14 44
174	23	SUN	1ST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.	4 36	20 03	1 59	15 43
175	24	Mon	<i>St. John the Baptist.</i> Midsummer Day.	4 37	20 04	2 25	16 44
176	25	Tues	" <i>If it rains on Midsummer Eve</i>	4 37	20 04	2 54	17 45
177	26	Wed	<i>The nuts will be spoiled."</i>	4 37	20 04	3 26	18 43
178	27	Thur	Hiram Powers died..... 1873	4 38	20 04	4 04	19 38
179	28	Fri	Coronation of Queen Victoria 1838	4 38	20 04	4 48	20 29
180	29	Sat	<i>St. Peter.</i> Campanini born at Parma 1846	4 39	20 04	5 38	21 14
181	30	SUN	2ND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.	4 39	20 04	6 33	21 53